

REMARKS

Reconsideration of this application, as amended, is respectfully requested.

The representatives for applicants Sanjay Gadkari, Jim Scheller and Tatiana Rossin thank the Examiner for the courtesy of a telephonic interview on March 2, 2010. The applicants' amendments presented in the response to the Final Office Action mailed November 12, 2009 were discussed in light of the cited references. More specifically, claim 1 was discussed. Applicants explained the claimed invention to the Examiner. No formal agreement was reached as to any claims.

In this supplemental amendment, claims 1, 4, 11, 17, 21, 24, 26, 30, 32, 34, 38, 40, 42, and 44 have been amended in light of the interview. No claims have been canceled. No claims have been added. Support for the amendments is found in the specification, the drawings, and in the claims as originally filed. Applicant submits that the amendments do not add new matter.

Applicant reserves all rights with respect to the applicability of the Doctrine of Equivalents.

Claims 1-45 stand rejected under 35 U.S.C. § 103(a) as being unpatentable over U.S. Patent No. 6,854,112 to Crespo et al. ("Crespo") in view of U.S. Patent No. 7,249,354 to Tigani et al. ("Tigani") in view of U.S. Patent No. 6,066,182 to Wilde et al. ("Wilde").

Applicant have amended claim 1 to read, in part, as follows: "automatically searching in a plurality of locations for a configuration information that includes one or more parameters to configure the software that includes determining whether a first portion of the configuration information is at a first location based on a first identification data of the data processing

system, wherein the first identification data include first identifications that are unique to the data processing system and second identifications that are not unique to the data processing system, wherein the second identifications have lower priorities than the first identifications in the searching, wherein the configuration information associated with the first identifications is configured to overwrite at least a portion of the configuration information associated with the second identifications, wherein the first identifications include a hardware serial number, an Internet Protocol (“IP”) address, a hostname, a hardware address, or any combination thereof, and the second identifications include a subnet mask, a generic identification associated with a plurality of data processing systems, or any combination thereof; continuing the searching in one or more second locations for a second portion of the configuration information based on a second identification of the data processing system.” (emphasis added).

The Examiner acknowledged that “Crespo does not disclose searching a plurality of locations.”(Office Action, p. 3).

Crespo discloses the following:

Referring now to FIG. 1, the main components of the present invention are described. A Configuration Database (100) which is a storage area of a Central Repository (104) stores identification data (packages, and the definition/configuration/parameters of hardware and software) associated with each target machine 112 (end-user workstation or server) to be installed. The Configuration Database may be a DB2 database implemented on a S/390 mainframe, where both products are from the IBM Corporation.

(Crespo, col. 5, lines 31-40)(emphasis added)

Thus, Crespo discloses a configuration database storing identification data (packages, and the definition/configuration/parameters of hardware and software) associated with each target machine. In contrast, amended claim 1 refers to automatically searching in a plurality

of locations for a configuration information that includes one or more parameters to configure the software that includes determining whether a first portion of the configuration information is at a first location based on a first identification data of the data processing system, wherein the first identification data include first identifications that are unique to the data processing system and second identifications that are not unique to the data processing system, wherein the second identifications have lower priorities than the first identifications in the searching, wherein the configuration information associated with the first identifications is configured to overwrite at least a portion of the configuration information associated with the second identifications, wherein the first identifications include a hardware serial number, an Internet Protocol ("IP") address, a hostname, a hardware address, or any combination thereof, and the second identifications include a subnet mask, a generic identification associated with a plurality of data processing systems, or any combination thereof.

The Examiner stated that "the combination of Crespo and Tigani does not disclose searching for a first portion of the configuration information at a first location; and continuing the searching in one or more second locations for a second portion of the configuration information." (Office Action, p. 4).

Tigani, in contrast, discloses deploying a software build from a plurality of software builds to a target computer. More specifically, Tigani discloses that "the build master identifies a build server that stores the software build." (col. 2, lines 39-40). In contrast, amended claim 1 refers to determining whether a first portion of the configuration information is at a first location based on a first identification data of the data processing system, wherein the first identification data include first identifications that are unique to the data processing

system and second identifications that are not unique to the data processing system, wherein the second identifications have lower priorities than the first identifications in the searching, wherein the configuration information associated with the first identifications is configured to overwrite at least a portion of the configuration information associated with the second identifications, wherein the first identifications include a hardware serial number, an Internet Protocol (“IP”) address, a hostname, a hardware address, or any combination thereof, and the second identifications include a subnet mask, a generic identification associated with a plurality of data processing systems, or any combination thereof; and continuing the searching in one or more second locations for a second portion of the configuration information based on a second identification of the data processing system, as recited in amended claim 1.

Wilde, in contrast, discloses operating system personalization during installation. More specifically, Wilde discloses “an operating system configuration file and a personalization parameters file in the memory...to configure the operating system with personalization parameters (col. 3, lines 50-53). Wilde fails to disclose determining whether a first portion of the configuration information is at a first location based on a first identification data of the data processing system, wherein the first identification data include first identifications that are unique to the data processing system and second identifications that are not unique to the data processing system, wherein the second identifications have lower priorities than the first identifications in the searching, wherein the configuration information associated with the first identifications is configured to overwrite at least a portion of the configuration information associated with the second identifications, wherein the first identifications include a hardware serial number, an Internet Protocol (“IP”) address, a

hostname, a hardware address, or any combination thereof, and the second identifications include a subnet mask, a generic identification associated with a plurality of data processing systems, or any combination thereof; and continuing the searching in one or more second locations for a second portion of the configuration information based on a second identification of the data processing system, as recited in amended claim 1.

Furthermore, even if Wilde, Crespo, and Tigani were combined, such a combination would still lack determining whether a first portion of the configuration information is at a first location based on a first identification data of the data processing system, wherein the first identification data include first identifications that are unique to the data processing system and second identifications that are not unique to the data processing system, wherein the second identifications have lower priorities than the first identifications in the searching, wherein the configuration information associated with the first identifications is configured to overwrite at least a portion of the configuration information associated with the second identifications, wherein the first identifications include a hardware serial number, an Internet Protocol ("IP") address, a hostname, a hardware address, or any combination thereof, and the second identifications include a subnet mask, a generic identification associated with a plurality of data processing systems, or any combination thereof; and continuing the searching in one or more second locations for a second portion of the configuration information based on a second identification of the data processing system, as recited in amended claim 1.

Therefore, Applicant respectfully submit that claim 1, as amended, is not obvious under 35 U.S.C. § 103(a) over Crespo, in view of Tigani, and further in view of Wilde.

Given that claims 2-45 contain limitations that are similar, but not identical to those limitations set forth above with respect to amended claim 1, Applicant respectfully submit that claims 2-45 are not obvious under 35 U.S.C. § 103(a) over Crespo, in view of Tigani, and further in view of Wilde.

It is respectfully submitted that in view of the amendments and arguments set forth herein, the applicable rejections and objections have been overcome. If there are any additional charges, please charge Deposit Account No. 022666.

Respectfully submitted,
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